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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 5449

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR YOUR VISIT

REF: STATE 169054

1. YOUR REVISED SCHEDULE, WHICH PUTS YOU INTO BUENOS AIRES
AUGUST 13 AND SEES YOU DEPARTING AUGUST 16, LOOKS FINE
TO US. WE RAISED THE NEW PROPOSAL FRIDAY AFTERNOON (7/22)
AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND RECEIVED A "NO
OBJECTION" FOR SCHEDULE CONCENTRATING YOUR INVOLVEMENT
WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15.

2. WE SET OUT BELOW A SCHEDULE WE PROPOSE FOR YOUR VISIT,
BUT WE EXPECT CONSIDERABLE CHANGES IN THIS AS THE
ARGENTINES GEAR THEMSELVES ALSO TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR
VISIT. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE WAS TOLD OVER THE WEEKEND BY
A MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY THAT
PRESIDENT VIDELA IS TAKING A PERSONAL INTEREST IN YOUR SCHEDULE
AND HAS ASKED HIS STAFF TO THINK OVER WAYS YOU CAN BE EXPOSED
TO A WIDE VARIETY OF ARGENTINE OPINION. VIDELA HAS SPECIFICALLY
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MENTIONED MEETINGS WITH "POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LEADERS". THIS
INTEREST IS HELPFUL AND GRATIFYING--BUT HAVING MORE THAN JUST
OURSELVES AND MFA INVOLVED IN SCHEDULING PROBABLY MEANS THERE
WILL BE ADDITIONAL DELAYS IN NAILING DOWN A FINAL VERSION.

3. OUR PREFERENCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13. ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES 1340. YOU WILL BE MET BY CHARGE, PAO HIGGINS (WHO WILL HANDLE PRESS ASPECTS OF YOUR ARRIVAL) AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR HALLMAN, WHO IS CONTROL OFFICER FOR YOUR VISIT. BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT, WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE YOU SEPTEL. DEPARTURE FOR EMBASSY RESIDENCE, WHERE YOU AND PARTY WILL STAY. BRIEF STOP AT RESIDENCE, THENCE TO NEARBY EMBASSY CHANCERY FOR 1600 COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING.

2000 - DINNER ARRANGED BY US BUSINESSMEN AND MEETING WITH THEM.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14. CITY TOUR OF BUENOS AIRES AND EXCURSIONS TO TIGRE OR LUJAN.

1700 - (TENTATIVE) MEETING WITH ARGENTINE POLITICAL AND LABOR LEADERS.

1830 - COCKTAILS AND "BACKGROUND" MEETING WITH AMERICAN JOURNALISTS RESIDENT IN BUENOS AIRES AT RESIDENCE.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15.

0900 - MEET WITH US AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF EMBASSY AT CHANCERY AUDITORIUM. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PRESENTING A VERY GENERAL OVERVIEW OF LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, OF THE WASHINGTON VISION OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ARGENTINA, AND HOW YOU SEE EVOLVING THIS ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY IN THE REGION. CONFIDENTIAL

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IF TIME PERMITS AFTERWARD (BEFORE FIRST CALLS ON ARGENTINE OFFICIALS) TOUR CHANCERY.

1100 - CALL AT MFA ON SUBSECRETARY ALLARA, FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES, AND TO MEET WITH OTHER ARGENTINE MFA OFFICIALS.

1300 - LUNCH HOSTED BY MFA

1500-1800 - CALLS TO BE SUGGESTED BY ARGENTINES, PLUS CALL ON MINECONOMY MARTINEZ DE HOZ.

1800 - CALL ON PRESIDENT VIDELA

1900 - PRESS CONFERENCE AT PLAZA HOTEL

2130 - DINNER GIVEN BY CHARGE AT RESIDENCE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16.

0700 - DEPARTURE FOR EZEIZA AIRPORT FOR 0835 FLIGHT TO ASUNCION.

4. DEPARTURE STATEMENT WILL BE PROVIDED HERE, BASED ON EVENTS

OF YOUR MEETINGS. "ISSUES" TELEGRAMS AND PRESS SUGGESTIONS WILL
ALSO BE SENT SEPTTEL.
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